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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 5 BENNETT, Mackie E. (Smith), 1880-1966

4 1/2 boxes, 56 folders, 196 items

Gift of Mackie E. (Smith) Bennett Estate, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1988 & 1994.

BIOGRAPHY

Mackie E. (Smith) Bennett was born on January 1, 1880, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the daughter of Colonel Thomas J. and Ella B. (Wright) Smith. She was one of nine children. Her maternal grandfather, Dr. Thomas B. Wright, was Bowling Green's first mayor (1870-1871) and her father was the city's seventh mayor (1880-1891). She was educated at Bowling Green's St. Columba Academy and attended the Southern Normal School in Bowling Green. In 1923, she graduated from Western Kentucky State Teachers College with a Bachelor's degree. She taught one year at Ludlow, Kentucky, prior to accepting a position as sixth grade teacher at Center Street School in Bowling Green. She continued teaching until 1937 when she became the school's principal, a position she held until 1950. When the Center Street School was razed, the new school was named Parker-Bennett in honor of Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Rubye S. Parker.

Bennett was a member of numerous civic organizations, lineage societies, and social clubs, including Board of the Bowling Green-Warren County Welfare Center, Business and Professional Women's Club, Current Events, Daughters of the American Revolution, Delta Kappa Gamma, Order of the Eastern Star, Past Matrons, Sue Young Sewing Circle, Sue Young Society, Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, and the Rebekah Lodge. She was a faithful member of the State Street Methodist Church, where she taught the Golden Rule class for forty years.

Mackie and W. S. Bennett, a clothes salesman, were wed on December 7, 1904, and had no children. W. S. died in 1949.

Bibliographical Notes
Kentucky Library. Vertical File,
Biographical and Obituaries

THE COLLECTION

Approximately one-half of this collection is comprised of Bennett's Center Street School grade books (1921-1949). Several of the grade books contain a classroom census that lists: child's name, birthday, parent/guardian, address, occupation of parent, doctor, and telephone number. Also included are minutes/reports of several organizations including the Community Chest, Daughters of the American Revolution, and United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary. There is a large group of administrative and financial records of the Sue Young Sewing Circle, which was chartered in 1916 by a number of female members of the State Street Methodist Church. The records cover the period from 1915 through 1948. The club was named for Susan Elbert Young (d. 1914), the wife of the church's minister (1913-1916), Dr. J. H. Young. Young died unexpectedly at the Norton Infirmary in Louisville and is buried in Lexington, Kentucky, her hometown. Also, there are minutes of the Sue Young Society from 1949 to 1959.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 6	Programs, miscellaneous	1936-1947	14 items
Folder 7	United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary	1945?-1954?; n.d.	11 items
Folder 8	Center Street School - Faculty meetings' minutes	1944-1949	2 items

Folder 9	Center Street School - Grade book	1921-1924	1 item
Folder 10	Center Street School - Grade book	1924-1925	1 item
Folder 11	Center Street School - Grade book	1925-1927	1 item
Folder 12	Center Street School - Grade book	1927-1928	1 item
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BOX 2	CENTER STREET SCHOOL GRADE BOOKS	1930-1949	14 items
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Folder 3	Center Street School - Grade books	1935	2 items
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Folder 5	Center Street School - Grade book	1937	1 item
Folder 6	Center Street School - Grade book	1937-1940	1 item
Folder 7	Center Street School - Grade book	1939-1940	1 item
Folder 8	Center Street School - Grade book	1940-1942	1 item
Folder 9	Center Street School - Grade book	1942-1944	1 item
Folder 10	Center Street School - Grade book	1945-1946	1 item
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Folder 2	Sue Young Sewing Circle - Correspondence	1928-1938	14 items
Folder 3	Sue Young Sewing Circle - Minutes	1915-1916	2 items
Folder 4	Sue Young Sewing Circle - Minutes	1922-1923	1 item
Folder 5	Sue Young Sewing Circle - Minutes	1923-1924	1 item
Folder 6	Sue Young Sewing Circle - Minutes	1926-1929	1 item

Folder 7	Sue Young Sewing Circle - Minutes	1929-1930	1 item
Folder 8	Sue Young Sewing Circle - Minutes	1935-1937	1 item
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Folder 6	Past Matrons Club - Minutes	1932-1952	1 item
Folder 7	Sue Young Society - Minutes	1949-1953	1 item
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Folder 8	Speeches	1935-1958	4 items

CATALOG CARD

MSS BENNETT, Mackie E. (Smith), 1875-1964
5 1880-1966

Center Street Elementary School (Bowling Green, Kentucky) grade books and various club records kept by Bennett, a Warren County, Kentucky native. Includes a large group of records related to the Sue Young Sewing Circle of Bowling Green's State Street Methodist Church, 1915-1948.
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